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Map. 1. Study area for proposed land acquisition.

Purpose of Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to contribute to the Service's resource responsibilities, as stated in the Service's mission statement, through protection, restoration, and management of Missouri River floodplain lands in the benefit of fish, wildlife, and their habitats and to provide for compatible public use.

Need for Action

The action is proposed to meet Service stewardship mandates for interjurisdictional fish, migratory birds, and threatened and endangered species. Channelization and floodplain development have led to the loss of over 500,000 acres of aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the Lower Missouri River floodplain (between Sioux City, Iowa, and St. Louis, Missouri) since 1912. Consequently, native fish and wildlife resources dependent upon the river and its associated floodplain have declined dramatically. Land acquisition and habitat restoration would benefit a diversity of fish and wildlife resources, including native river fishes, birds such as waterfowl, shorebirds, and passerine birds, and advance the recovery of Federally-listed threatened and endangered species.

Related Actions of Other Agencies

Acquisition of lands and rights to lands under existing Service authorities would complement other floodplain land acquisition being done along this reach of the Missouri River by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. Depending on agency missions, these acquisitions are being made to restore Missouri River habitats, contribute to the river's floodway, or to alleviate past or future flood damage.

Alternatives

Alternatives for the Service to pursue restoration of the Missouri River ecosystem to benefit fish and wildlife include: (1) Acquiring appropriate ownership interest in floodplain lands and managing those lands as Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge—a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, (2) non-acquisition methods, such as private lands initiatives or public information thrusts, and (3) no action. These alternatives, along with others identified during the scoping process, may or may not be examined in detail in the EIS.

Issues

The following would be likely issues under the Service's proposed action: (1) Floodplain land use: Agricultural uses of acquired lands would mostly cease. Forest and wetland habitat, and areas available for outdoor recreation, would increase. Acquired lands would no longer be available to others for purchase. New or expanded transportation and utility systems across refuge land could be authorized through Service issuance of right-of-way permits. (2) Fish and wildlife: The river eventually would reconnect to its floodplain on the refuge, restoring floodplain habitats and functions to the benefit of fish and wildlife, including Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. (3) Economics: Both pluses and minuses would occur. On acquired lands, economic returns from agriculture would mostly cease, while returns from outdoor recreation would likely increase. Long-term,

increases in economic returns from commercial fishing and timber harvest could be possible. Little impact on commercial navigation is expected. (4) Drainage and flooding: Previously established drainage across the refuge would continue. The Missouri River would have a larger floodway in certain areas. (5) Levee and drainage districts: The Service would develop cooperative agreements with levee and drainage districts as required to address specific needs, including levee and drainage system maintenance. (6) County tax revenues: Lands and Service acquired in fee title would be removed from county tax rolls; tax revenue losses would be offset by annual payments to those counties through the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. (7) Taxes associated with transfer of title: On accreted lands, or for long-term ownerships, capital gains taxes could be so high as to deter land sales by certain owners who would otherwise be willing to sell.

Other Information

The environmental review of this proposal will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate the Draft EIS will be available to the public by Fall, 1996.

Dated: October 27, 1995.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director.

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National Park Service**Meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, that an orientation meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board will be held on December 7–8, 1995, at the U. S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC, Rooms 5160 and 7000–A. The Board will convene in Room 5160 at about 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 7, and will meet until about 5 p.m. The Board will reconvene in Room 7000–A at about 9 a.m., on Friday, December 8, and the meeting will be adjourned about 12 noon, that day.

On December 7, following opening remarks by the Director of the National Park Service, the Board will be addressed by the Deputy Director, Associate Directors, and other National Park Service officials, providing an overview of the National Park Service (NPS), including NPS partnerships, National Historic Landmark and National Natural Landmark programs, and the recent NPS restructuring.

On December 8, the Board will be addressed regarding issues that will be brought before the Board in the immediate future. The Board will elect officers and determine committee assignments.

The Board may be addressed at various times by other officials of the National Park Service and 2 the Department of the Interior, and other miscellaneous topics and reports may be covered. The order of the agenda may be changed, if necessary, to accommodate travel schedules or for other reasons.

The Board meeting will be open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate members of the public are limited and persons will be accommodated on a first-come basis. Anyone may file with the Board a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. The Board also may permit attendees to address the Board, but may restrict the length of presentations, as necessary to allow the Board to complete its agenda within the allotted time.

Persons wishing further information concerning the meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Geraldine Smith, Office of Policy, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127,

Washington, DC 20013–7127 (telephone 202–208–7456).

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about 12 weeks after the meeting, in Room 1217, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC.

John Reynolds,

Deputy Director.

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before November 18, 1995. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013–7127. Written comments should be submitted by December 13, 1995.

Patrick Andrus,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

COLORADO**Denver County**

Joshel, Lloyd M., House, 220 S. Dahlia St., Denver, 95001456

MAINE**Franklin County**

Madrid Village Schoolhouse, Reeds Mills Rd. W side, 0.05 mi. N of jct. with ME 4, Madrid, 95001460

Hancock County

Cover Farm, Off ME 3 W side, 0.3 mi. NW of jct. with Crooked Rd., Hulls Cove, 95001464

Lincoln County

Loudville Church, Center of Louds Island, Loudville vicinity, 95001457

Oxford County

Philbrook, John M., House, 32 Main St., Bethel, 95001465

Sagadahoc County

Swan Island Historic District, Kennebec R., between Richmond and Dresden, Richmond vicinity, 95001461

Somerset County

Holden, Samuel, House, US 201 E side, 0.25 mi. N of jct. with MDOT Rd., Moose River, 95001459

Waldo County

Belfast Historic District (Boundary Increase), 121 High St., Belfast, 95001476

York County

Division No. 9 School, ME 9 S side, 0.15 mi. E of jct. with Bragdon Rd., North Berwick vicinity, 95001463

Ogunquit Playhouse, US 1 E side, 0.2 mi. S of jct. with Bourne Rd., Ogunquit, 95001458

Way Way General Store, 93 Buxton Rd., Saco vicinity, 95001462

MASSACHUSETTS**Suffolk County**

Riviera, The, 270 Huntington Ave., Boston, 95001450

NEW MEXICO**Curry County**

Santa Fe Passenger Depot—Clovis, 221 W. First St., Clovis, 95001451

Lincoln County

Aguayo Family Homestead (Homesteads on the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico MPS) Tortolita Canyon, W of Nogal, Nogal vicinity, 95001478

Santa Fe County

Nuestra Senora de Luz Church and Cemetery (Religious Properties of New Mexico MPS) 13 mi. SE of Santa Fe, N of I–25 frontage rd., Canonicito, 95001452

OKLAHOMA**Oklahoma County**

Crown Heights Historic District, Roughly bounded by NW. 36th St., N. Western Ave., NW. 43rd St. and N. Walker Ave., Oklahoma City, 95001467

Jefferson Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by NW. 23rd St., N. Walker Ave., NW. 30th St. and I–235, Oklahoma City, 95001466

SOUTH DAKOTA**Dewey County**

Laurens Polygonal Hog House (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPS) SD 63, 1 mi. N of US 212, Eagle Butte vicinity, 95001468

Jones County

Freier Round Barn (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPS) 2 mi. N and 2 mi. E of Draper, Draper vicinity, 95001471

Minnehaha County

Austin—Olson Farm (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPS) 24993 465th Ave., Colton vicinity, 95001474

Shafer Round Barn (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPS) 1600 S. Powder House Rd., Sioux Falls vicinity, 95001470

Moody County

Little Village Farm Sale Barn (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPS) Off US 77, NE of Dell Rapids, Dell Rapids vicinity, 95001469

Pennington County

Sitting Bull Crystal Cavern Dance Pavilion (South Dakota's Round and Polygonal